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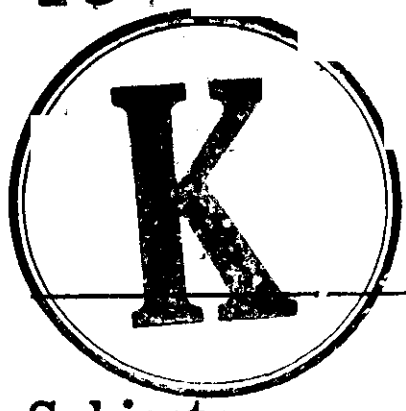

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Section 12 of the Indian Registration Act, 1908, Provides that when any Sub-Registrar is absent or when his office is temporarily vacant any person whom the Registrar of the district appoints in this behalf shall be the Sub-Registrar during such absence or until the vacancy is filled up. Rule 3 of the Rules made by the Bombay Government under section 69 of the Act prescribes that all Registation offices shall be open daily, Sundays and Holidays excepted, during certain hours. If these provisions are read together it is clear that the office of a Sub-Registrar cannot be closed on days other than Sundays and Holidays and if the Sub-Registrar is unable to attend the office on such days an appointment will have to be made. Consequently the proposal of the Inspector General of Registration to close the office of a Sub-Registrar during his temporary absence in case it is not possible to appint a substitute under section 12 does not appear to be legally feasible.

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